

The Quogue Village Voice

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As summer winds down, there are a few matters of interest that the Board of Trustees wishes to bring to your attention.

Road Work Coming

Before the end of this month, we will be doing oil and stone work on some of the roads in Quogue. This work involves placing a thin layer of asphalt in selected spots to level the road, placing a layer of liquid emulsion on the road followed immediately by a layer of gravel that binds with the emulsion. After about two weeks, the excess gravel that is then mainly at the sides of the roads is swept up. We recognize that this process may be a little inconvenient and create dust in the vicinity of the work. It is being done in August because the contractor recommends that the road temperature be high, and our recent experience has also shown that the results are far more satisfactory in the warm weather of August. Roads that are scheduled to be included in this work are all or parts of: Assups Neck Lane, Deer Path, Evergreen Path, North Jessup Avenue, Ocean Avenue, Ogden Lane, Old Main Road, Pheasant Run, Post Lane (in the vicinity of the Bridge), Stone Lane, Wintergreen Way and Woodland Way.

Beach Nourishment

Most of you have probably read by now that in July the New York DEC issued a permit that authorizes the Village of Quogue to do a beach nourishment project that would involve dredging up to 1.1 million cubic yards of sand from the ocean bottom approximately 3,000 -5,000 feet offshore of Quogue and placing it along the Village's 2.7 miles of oceanfront. The permit has a 10-year life, and no decision has been made concerning whether to go forward with a project. Nor will a determination be made prior to receipt of public input. Meanwhile, the Beach Advisory Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees has continued to meet with experts. That process should be completed in September, following which the Committee will issue a report.

The DEC Permit and extensive responses by the DEC to the public comments received on the Village's application are posted under the Announcements tab on the Village website, www.villageofquogueny.gov.

Also released in July was the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' long-awaited Draft General Reevaluation Report to the Fire Island Inlet to Montauk Point Reformulation Study (generally known as the FIMP study). That report is a rather intimidating 165 pages, but there is also an approximately 20-page Executive Summary at the beginning. The Report can be accessed through the Village website.

In general, the Draft General Reevaluation Report proposes maintaining a beach along the south shore having at least a 90-foot berm width and a dune of 13 feet in height (15 feet in some more developed areas to our west). According to the Corps' measurements, Quogue already meets these criteria except in a small part of the dune in the eastern part of the Village. For our area, the other principal feature of the report is bi-annual dredging in and around Shinnecock Inlet and placement of the sand to the west, the objective being to replace the natural longshore transport of sand from east to west.

Beach Scraping

The Village has a permit from the DEC to do beach scraping (pushing sand from the dry beach up to the foot of the dune) during a short period at the end of August provided certain criteria for beach width and height are met. There are only a few areas that are eligible this year, and we have submitted data to the DEC to allow scraping and intend to scrape in an area east of Quogue Beach Club for about 1,000 feet and in a somewhat shorter area west of the Surf Club. In each of those areas, significant dune scarping occurred within the last two years.

Fire Department Open House

Thanks to all of you who attended the Quogue Fire Department Open House on Sunday, August 7th. The men and women of our fire department do a lot of work to put on this community event and appreciate seeing our residents enjoy themselves at it. It is traditionally held on the first Sunday in August and so plan on it again next year.

Quogue Association Beach Party

It is this Friday, August 19th, at the Quogue Village Beach from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church Bake Sale

This year's bake sale for the Church, which is located at 39 Montauk Highway, will be held on the Village Green on Saturday, September 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stop by and pick up something delicious for your Labor Day Weekend guests while at the same time supporting the Church.